

Remembering Morgan McCoy

Northwest student left positive impact on everyone she met



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Morgan McCoy, 19, a sophomore at Northwest died Sunday Jan. 7 from injuries.



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Social media was flooded with memories commemorating the life of Northwest sophomore Morgan McCoy who died after being struck by an alleged drunk driver.

McCoy was from Liberty, Missouri. At Northwest, she was a student teacher at Horace Mann and studied elementary education at Northwest. She was also a member of the sorority Sigma Kappa.

President John Jasinski said in a statement McCoy was a driven student who made left an impact at Northwest.

“As I’ve engaged with our faculty, staff and students this week, it is quite evident that Morgan was well liked, driven, confident and tracking to be an incredible teacher,” Jasinski said. “She was valued by her sisters in the Sigma Kappa sorority and many others in our Greek community, and she made significant contributions as a student employee in our School of Education in her short time at Northwest”

Grace Elrod, McCoy’s friend from elementary and high school, said McCoy loved making friends and always knew how to brighten up a room.

“She was a very sweet girl. I met her in elementary school; she was such an outgoing person. She loved to laugh and talk to everyone she was friends with everyone and always made the room light up,” Elrod said.

Family friend Anna Bronson said McCoy was a selfless person and took interest in the people around her.

“I knew her through her sister Taryn, who I worked with at Culvers. She was so much fun to spend time with,” Bronson said. “She was spunky and sassy just like her mom and sister. She was so easy to talk to and always showed a genuine interest in my life and just

made me feel like I mattered.”

Taylor Lee, friend of McCoy, said she was a kind person who was always looking out for others.

“Morgan was the first person I met and talked to on orientation day for our first day of high school as sophomores,” Lee said. “I knew nobody because everyone I knew went to Liberty North. I met a lot people through being a cheerleader, but Morgan introduced to me so many more people. She was so outgoing and so loved by everyone.”

Elrod said McCoy was a great friend, and it was always a joy to have her around.

“I remember going to her house and just being crazy pre-teens and just being silly; she was super goofy and fun to be around,” Elrod said.

Lee said McCoy made friends with everyone she met and left a positive impact on everyone.

“Classmates, teachers, coaches and parents all adored her,” Lee said. “Because of her, I met my boyfriend of three years now, and I got to reconnect with old friends (because she knew everyone). She gave me so many fun times out filled with amazing memories.”

Bronson said McCoy was an extraordinary, bright young girl.

“She was super strong and independent (just like her mom raised her),” Bronson said. “I never saw her often, but when we would bump into each other her personality and smile would literally brighten my whole entire day. She was just special.”

Friends of McCoy flooded her Facebook page with statements of love and shared memories they had with her. For Lee, one of her favorite memories of McCoy was one of the simplest moments.

“I will always remember her as the girl who loved to eat nacho cheese Doritos and drink Mountain Dew everyday for breakfast, lunch and dinner and she still looked like a goddess,” Lee said.

With the outpour of love for McCoy and support for her family, Elrod stated it was clear everyone who knew McCoy would greatly miss her.

“Heaven got an amazing angel and everyone will miss her dearly,” Elrod said. “We will miss you Morgan.”

McCoy was loved by everyone she met Lee said and her memory will live on with all those who knew her.

“She was my best friend and I wish I could have seen her grow up to be the mother, wife, teacher, and best friend she should have been,” Lee said. “She will never be forgotten. I love you Mo.”

Jasinski said McCoy’s memory will be carried on by the Northwest community as they commemorate her life and legacy.

“Morgan cared deeply and was passionate about her family and children, and she wanted to help make the world a better place,” Jasinski said. “Morgan will be dearly missed, and we can carry on her legacy as a Northwest family by doing what we do as Bearcats – learning, connecting, showing care, practicing civility and showing pride.”

A GoFundMe page was created to help pay for McCoy’s funeral services. The fundraiser set an original goal of \$10,000 and at time of publication the page had raised \$13,584.

Visitation services will be held at VanArsdale Funeral Services in Lebo, Kansas Dec. 12. A separate service will also be held in Liberty, Missouri for the friends and family unable to attend the original service. The date for this additional service was not set at time of publication.

Northwest will host a memorial service for McCoy. The date for this service was not set at time of publication but the Missourian will release more information when they receive it.



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Catterson's totaled pickup sits among the wreckage outside The Palms following the accident on Sunday, Jan. 7.



ALEX CATTERSON

Charges filed in fatal bar crash

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Alex Catterson, 21, faces charges of class C felony of first-degree involuntary manslaughter after crashing into The Palms Bar early Sunday.

The police report states Catterson's blood alcohol level was 0.207.

The crash resulted in severe injuries to Northwest sophomore Morgan McCoy.

McCoy was transported to St. Francis Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Senior Elizabeth Brown was at The Palms during the accident. She said it was crowded, a typical night for The Palms.

"I remember I was standing in

the middle of the bar," Brown said. "I heard glass breaking, it sounded like one of the bartenders dropped a bottle but louder.

"I looked over to where the sound was coming from, which was the front of the bar, and I just saw headlights. I helped a girl that was next to me stand up on a chair to see what happened, and she said that a car or something had crashed into the front."

Brown said the bartenders immediately began evacuating everyone out of the building.

"It kind of smelled like a bonfire, there was a lot of smoke," Brown said. "I saw that the front of the truck was really smashed in. I saw that the podium at the front was still standing so I didn't expect that anyone had gotten hurt because I didn't think it had gotten

far enough into the bar."

The Palms owner Erik Schreiber was out of town at the time of the accident but returned to Maryville after receiving a phone call.

"This has been very hard for me," Schreiber said. "My wife and I, we don't have any kids. We came here to do this for Maryville... It just kills me that we do everything we can to make that place safe and positive and then a stupid decision by somebody affects this town and everyone around it in layers... It affects a lot of people, it's a really bad situation all the way around."

This case is being investigated by Maryville Public Safety.

Lieutenant of Maryville Public Safety Ron Christian said they are looking for all witnesses to make a statement.

"Currently the investigation has been ongoing," Christian said. "The officers have been seeking and interviewing folks that were in the area at the time of the incident and have been taking written statements from everyone that has come in and visited with us."

Schreiber set up a GoFundMe Page to help cover the funeral and burial costs.

"We set up that Gofundme because I can't just fix the building and open," Schreiber said. "I can't do nothing. I can only imagine what it's like getting that phone call. Hopefully, this just helps the family a little bit. We're going to keep it running until Friday, and then we'll turn it over to the family."

The GoFundMe Page will remain open until Friday then Sch-

reiber will turn it over to the family. So far, \$13,584 has been raised for the family.

"As far as the business goes, we just had contractors there (Tuesday)," Schreiber said. "The fiscal damage to the building is not as bad as we thought it was going to be."

"We are going to reopen, it's just a matter of navigating how to do that. I don't want to rush back and I can't have you guys (Maryville community) going to that place where (McCoy) was killed right in the doorway and ask people to come in two weeks later. That bar has been there for 80 years, and I can't have it end like this."

At the time of publication, a reopening date for The Palms had not been released.

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Concert costs on the rise for SAC

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After hosting the most expensive fall concert to date, Northwest’s Student Activities Council (SAC) decided not to host a spring 2018 concert.

SAC hosted Chase Rice during his “Lambs & Lions Tour” as the header for the 2017 fall concert Dec. 8.

SAC president Drake Summers said there are no plans to host a spring concert for the second year in the row.

“There are no plans to have a spring concert this year,” Summers said. “We do our absolute best to accommodate the wants of the student body and a ‘one concert per year’ strategy is the best way to do that.”

The idea to host only one concert per year is in part due to the cost

of hosting bigger named performers. The total cost of the 2017 fall concert was \$128,110, and according to SAC advisor Dee Dino, SAC concerts have never been big money makers for the University.

“Concerts are not a money-maker for Northwest, nor should they be,” Dino said. “They are SAC’s attempt to get the biggest entertainers they can bring to campus for a reasonable amount of the student’s activity fee.”

According to Dino, concerts would make more money if more outside tickets were sold, but because the concerts are geared toward Northwest students, it is harder to generate an outsider audience.

“We try not to lose money on concerts...” Dino said. “We try to bring in enough in ticket sales to keep the concert expenses to around this amount. That is not always possible. Tickets sold to

the public bring in more revenue, but the concert is put on primarily with students in mind.”

The Chase Rice concert had 1022 students in attendance and 737 non students in attendance.

Dino said making money is the last thing SAC worries about. Their main goal is to make sure the attendees are satisfied with their experience.

“For concert-goers, our hope is that the concert is a low-cost opportunity to see a high quality entertainer right in your backyard,” Dino said. “Our aim is not event to break even, but just to meet the budget we set.”

Money received by SAC to fund events comes from the \$3 per credit hour student activity fee all undergraduate and graduate students pay with tuition.

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Cost of SAC fall concerts	
2017-2018 Fall Concert	2016-2017 Fall Concert
Headliner: Chase Rice	Headliner: Hunter Hays
\$90,000	\$65,000
Openers: Billy Raffoul and Haeley Vaughn	Opener: Ryan Lafferty
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\$9,324	\$6,600
Total: \$128,110	Total: \$98,570
Attendance: 1,756	Attendance: 1,901

SOURCE: Student Activities Council
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Auxiliary services renovates residential halls

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New residence hall options will be made available to freshmen and upperclassmen next fall including a renovated Franken hall, a low-cost cooperative living space and an option for freshmen to return to their residence halls sophomore year.

Director of Residential Life Rose Viau spoke about the plan to renovate and reopen Franken Hall at the all faculty meeting Jan. 3.

“We are very excited to say that board approved a \$5 million budget for Franken,” Viau said. “This is out of auxiliary funds.”

The lounges will be upgraded similarly to the changes made to the lounges in Dieterich and Millikan this past fall. The basement especially will be renovated to make space for lounge space ac-

cording to the housing update released by Residential and Auxiliary Services.

“Also up on the floors and in the dorms, we hear from students a lot that they want movable furniture, and in the high rises the furniture is all stuck to the ground except for the beds and the chairs, and so we’re taking out all that furniture...” Viau said. “All new furniture will all be movable and there will be new lighting in there so the students will greatly appreciate that.”

All rooms will get new carpet and paint, and study spaces will be added on each floor.

“The other final thing that students are really going to appreciate is two private restrooms,” Viau said. “So we’re taking the space that used to be the ball gown room and we’re putting in two private restrooms, and so our students are going to be very excited about



Millikan resident Carmella Rackers makes herself comfortable in front of the television in the recently renovated first floor lounge to do some studying.

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“Our students rate our experience in the residence halls extremely high,” Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker said during the all faculty meeting. “They very much value what they get from it, but the recruitment piece in the facilities we offer, we

have the haves and the have-nots. If you’re in a newer space, that’s wonderful, I want to go to school there. If I have to go to the high rises, I don’t want to go there.”

Franken will primarily be a freshman residence hall, but the top two floors (100 beds) will be available for upperclassmen. Starting this fall, students will also have the option to return to their freshman residence halls for their sophomore year. Forty spaces will be available for upperclassmen in Hudson-Perrin and the top two floors of Dieterich and Millikan will be available to upperclassmen.

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Drunk driving can devastate families



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Thirty-one years ago, Nov. 17, 1986, to be exact, my 16-year-old sister, Robin Renée, was killed by a drunk driver. She was on a double-date. It was the first time my parents had let her go out alone, without one of them along for the ride. The driver was a 17-year-old classmate, who was driving the car in which she was riding.

Sunday’s senseless death of Morgan McCoy, a 19-year-old Northwest sophomore, did what every one of these inexcusable deaths do for me -- it took me back to that night when a police officer informed my parents and me -- a

17-year-old high school senior at the time -- that my sister was dead.

We had received a call there had been an accident, and we needed to get to the hospital. When we arrived, we were escorted into a private meeting room. Even then, I knew that was unusual, and that something terrible must have happened. When the police officer and a priest entered the room, we knew she was dead before they even told us.

Toxicology results found she had nothing in her system, a small consolation for us. The driver, who survived along with the other two passengers, was found to have a blood alcohol level of .21, twice the legal limit. But, because he was a minor, he was never charged under Alabama law where we lived at the time.

After the accident, one of the things that haunted my parents

was they weren’t allowed to see her body after the wreck. Why? Her face exploded on impact with a telephone pole. The pictures, which I later saw, were devastating. They haunt me to this day. The driver? He walked away with just a few cuts and bruises.

He never paid for his crime, at least, not in a formal sense. A few weeks after her death, he approached me in a hallway at our high school and said, rather cavalierly, “Sorry about your sister, dude.” The next thing I remember is four of the school’s coaches pulling me away from him. He was lying bloody, and unconscious, on the hallway floor. He was taken away in an ambulance. Police arrived. One of those officers had worked my sister’s accident. I was not charged, or arrested, though I easily could have -- and should have -- been. I am not

proud of my actions.

He was discharged from the hospital a few days later. His parents sold their house, and I was told they moved to Texas. I have no idea where he is today. I can only hope his decision and actions have continued to haunt him.

My parents never recovered. My dad retired early from his job. They became foster parents in an attempt to fill the void, but suffered many heartbreaks in that process as well, as one does caring for children who have been abused, suffered addictions or other traumas. My mother’s smoking increased, which led to serious health issues and her premature death. My dad suffered four heart attacks after my sister’s death, and the last one killed him just nine months before my mother died.

As a result of my experiences, it’s my firm belief that if you get

behind the wheel while drunk, and you kill someone, you should be charged with first-degree murder. Why? The person chose to drink. The person chose to get behind the wheel of a vehicle while drunk. A vehicle that can kill in the blink of an eye.

We all know what the consequences can be. If you make that decision, as far as I’m concerned, it’s premeditated. I know the law doesn’t allow for that. But what the law does do to those, like 21-year-old Maryville resident Alex Catterson, who has been charged in McCoy’s death with the Class C felony of involuntary manslaughter, is far too lenient.

The maximum sentence he can serve if convicted is 10 years. McCoy’s family, however, will be irreparably damaged by her death. No matter the sentence, it won’t be enough.

People need to fight harassment everywhere



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Hollywood took the new year by storm with an important and powerful message: a message of protection for women around the world. With their celebrity platform and the color black, Hollywood actors and actresses stood in solidarity with women who are victims of sexual assault.

#WhyWeWearBlack swarmed every media outlet with photos of our favorite celebrities, bombarding the Golden Globes Awards almost unanimously clad in black attire. Actresses Viola Davis, Rosario Dawson, Reese Witherspoon, Kerry Washington and more shared their personalized pledges to stand by women who feel they are not protected and ashamed of what they have faced. As praises and applause for the movement were abundant on Monday, upturned noses and anger erupted through social media platforms Twitter and Facebook.

Twitter users debated whether #WhyWeWearBlack had any real impact on the sexual assault problems within Hollywood, particularly in regards to actors James Franco and Kirk Douglas, both accused of a variety of sexual assaults. While I agree there are some downfalls to the movement, and as a woman myself don’t feel either of the men should be rewarded for their actions, changes can not be made overnight.

Yes, society is off to a great start as #MeToo kick-started the trend of sexual assault awareness, but our own president could be defined as a sexual predator. The country voted for someone who has no problem grabbing women by the genitals, yet the blame of two men accused of sexual assault being awarded Sunday falls on the female celebrity base.

This is the epitome of gender bias injustice. In a world run by men, do we expect women wearing black is enough to stop the Hollywood Foreign Press Association from voting for who they feel deserves the award? Should they have stopped the ceremony screaming ‘Predator! Rapist! Assaulter!’?

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OUR VIEW:

SAC should try new approach

The Student Activities Council’s (SAC) annual Fall concerts are the most anticipated events of the year, the source of our biggest entertainment experiences each year and the most expensive expenditure on SAC’s to-do list.

This past December, Northwest students were awarded the Chase Rice concert, who is our biggest headliner to date. The “Lambs & Lions Tour” student anticipation was unprecedented as many students and community members are fans of the popular country singer. Yet only an estimate 15 percent of the student population and 737 community members actually attended the concert.

We question if the \$128,110 spent on the event could go to better use in the future? As we know, Northwest is not a huge school. With only 6,485 enrolled students,

we may never be able to book major musical artists, considering the concert fund comes from an activities fee added to tuition per credit hour, and major performers can be extremely expensive.

SAC has made progressive efforts to appeal to everyone with surveys of approved artist to vote for, and even combining the fall and spring concert budget to provide more money for one concert, with a bigger headliner. While the musical concerts would definitely be missed, a variety of other cheaper entertainers could be beneficial and result in higher attendance rates of the events.

SAC provides exciting events throughout the year, for example, the ice skating rink in late October and plenty of grocery bingos that everyone loves. By adding to these events with a lineup of comedians,

dancers or other artist performers, we could bring a new effect to the concert budget.

While making a profit is not the goal of the annual concerts, providing events that may have a higher attendance rate will give students their money’s worth. Exploring this new option is not to diminish the hard efforts of our student leaders of SAC, but instead to broaden our choices and make good use of the budgeted fund.

Though it’s good to include the community, a more student-tailored option may help to satisfy those who feel the concerts are not effective and doesn’t include artist everyone are familiar with. Pleasing everyone is not possible, but providing more favorable events can build participation.

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Northwest Board of Regents gets four new members

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The Northwest Board of Regents appointed four new members, three regents and a non-voting student representative.

Pending confirmation by the Missouri Senate, appointees Jason Klindt, Roxanna Swaney, George Speckman and Student Regent Janay Orange will join the Board in the upcoming term.

News of Orange’s appointment was released Dec. 22. and Gov. Eric Grieten’s announcement of the other regents soon followed.

Marilou Joyner Ph. D., Richard Smith, John Richmond and Chair of the Board Dr. Patrick Harr will continue their time on the board.

“The main thing I’m interested in is what (the appointments’) interest in the Board of Regents is,” Harr said. “Hopefully the new regents come with an open mind to finding ways to make Northwest better and come without an agenda.”

Having been short three members for the past year, the board welcomed the new appointments.

One open seat remains on the board.

Klindt and Speckman replaced Regents Gene “Francis” Dorrel and Jerry Genochio respectively. Klindt’s and Speckman’s terms will both end Jan. 1, 2023.

Swaney was previously nominated by Gov. Jay Nixon in 2016 and will now return to her past seat.

“Swaney is superb, and we’re really looking forward to having her back on the Board of Regents,” Harr said.

Klindt, Speckman and Swaney are all Northwest alumni, bearing obvious knowledge of Northwest and returning to their alma mater to assist on the board.

Orange, a Northwest senior, was appointed to the Students Regent position she held in 2016.

“I am excited to be back on the board and see what I need to do for Northwest this year,” Orange said. “...I want the students to come forward more and let me in on what they want from Northwest instead of having Northwest tell them what they’re going to have.”

As a voice for the students, Orange plays a persuasive role

on the board.

“It’s so important to have a student voice on the Board of Regents to bring a perspective that obviously none of us regents have,” Harr said. “Having Janay back will be really helpful in our discussions coming forth.”

Orange called standing on the board a privilege, and looks forward to working alongside the other qualified regents and contributing to many “grand decisions” the Board will make.

The newly assembled board will be working to address the ever-changing needs of Northwest, including matters concerning budget, enrollment and curriculum.

With a shared passion for the future of Northwest and a diverse assemble of political views, backgrounds and professional experience, the Board is well-equipped to resolve all presented to them in the upcoming period.

The next committee meeting will be Jan. 22. The first board meeting and work session are scheduled for Jan. 26. As Harr said, the Board of Regents is “off to a big start to the year.”



JANAY ORANGE



JERRY GENOCHIO

Mozingo Conference Center opens to public

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The Conference Center at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park had its grand opening Jan. 2.

The new building will serve as an event venue and clubhouse for the Mozingo Lake Recreational Park Golf Course as well as eventually housing a third party restaurant.

The center will be massively beneficial for the community as a whole. The completion of this project was an essential part of increasing Maryville tourist appeal.

Assistant City Manager Ryan Highland has been leading efforts to utilize Mozingo as a tool to advance the community by advancing tourism. After the combined efforts of Highland, City Manager Greg McDanel, and all others involved in the Conference Center project, it appears that goal may now be within reach.

“The Conference Center will substantially increase the number of people coming into the community. When we bring people into the community, they spend money in the community, which helps local business and the local economy,” McDanel said.

The grand opening was the public’s first opportunity to share reactions to the Conference Center facility. After five years of planning and construction, the Conference Center opened its doors to eager visitors and rave reviews.

Over 300 people attended the grand opening event, which consisted of a short presentation followed by tours and an open house.

“We had a tremendous attendance and a lot of pride regarding the facility,” McDanel said.

Since opening, the Conference Center has received a resoundingly positive response.

“Anyone who enters the facility is amazed by how nice it is,” Highland said.

The Conference Center hosted its first event, a wedding, Jan. 6. According to the Conference Center’s Events Coordinator Ashley Barber, it was a complete success.

Over 80 other events have already been scheduled for 2018.

To Highland, it is abundantly clear why people and businesses should choose the Mozingo Lake Recreation Park Conference Center to host their next event.

Highland simply said, “Why wouldn’t they? You’re not going to find another view like that and you’re not going to find another facility like that.”

In addition to the abundance of bookings, the Center had huge numbers of both scheduled viewings and enthusiastic drop-ins.

“People are honestly really blown away, especially those people who have lived in the Maryville community for a long time,” Barber said. “I don’t think they realized how beautiful it was going to be and how large it was going to be.”

With the opening of the Conference Center, the number of bookings at the on-property hotel, Boulders Inn & Suites, which opened April, is expected to increase along with general visitation numbers at the golf course and park.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

The back deck of the new Conference Center faces a scenic view of Mozingo Lake and the golf course.

“We want to turn it into not just a one day event but for people to come out here for the weekend,” Barber said. “I want to turn it into a one-stop shop and take care of all your needs in one place.”

With a hotel, two golf courses, restaurant, Conference Center, lake and camping options available, Mozingo is quickly shaping into the tourist attraction Maryville is striving for. The hope is that the Center will serve both local needs and draw people from other areas.

The hotel entirely sold out with the first Conference Center Event, clearly demonstrating the impact the Center will have on the Park. The golf course will be equivalent-

ly affected.

“The center also elevates the golfer amenities,” McDanel said. “We were held back from reaching our potential with the other facility we had. This will provide ample room for additional tournaments and really elevate our golf.”

The clubhouse features a golf pro shop and two golf simulators. The simulators are open to the public, are available for rent and are a great alternative entertainment option.

Michael Foust, owner of The Farmhouse in Kansas City, will occupy the restaurant space on the bottom level of the center. He will bring his concept of farm-to-table

food to the Maryville community and is likely to reach out to local farmers.

Continuing its outreach to the community, the Conference Center is highly interested in partnering with Northwest student organizations. It hopes to be considered as a meeting space or host to larger events such as informals, formals or other activities.

All are welcome to visit the Conference Center or receive further information by contacting Barber at 660-562-3271.

“We’re excited to have (the Conference Center) open, and we invite everyone to enjoy what we have,” Highland said.

Blotter for the week of Jan. 11

Maryville Public Safety Department

Dec. 5
There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 700 block of West Edwards Street.

Dec. 17
A summons was issued to Steven Richardson, 20, from St. Joseph, Missouri for minor in possession, driving while intoxicated, failure to register

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 100 block of West Third Street.

A summons was issued to Brooke Steiner, 31, from Barnard, Missouri for driving while intoxicated and equipment violation at the 400 block of North Main Street.

Dec. 19
There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 300

Dec. 13
There is an open investigation for stealing at Forest Village apartments.

Jan. 5

block of West Third Street.

Dec. 31
A summons was issued to Andrew Freihage, 25, for driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of the roadway, failure to maintain financial responsibility and headlamp violation at the 1700 block of South Main Street.

Jan. 1
A summons was issued to Charles Patterson, 54, from

There were two liquor law violations at Hudson Perrin Hall.

Jan. 7
University Police Department is assisting an outside agency in a death investigation at The

Springfield, Missouri for failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 2400 block of South Main Street.

Jan. 4
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 1300 block of North Main Street.

Jan. 6
A summons was issued to Aaron Easley, 20, for minor in

Palms Bar.

Jan. 8
There was a liquor law violation at Forrest Village apartments. There is an open investigation for stealing at the Foster Fit-

possession and possession of a fake I.D. at the 300 block of North Market Street.

Jan. 7
There is an ongoing investigation for peace disturbance at the 500 block of North Buchanan Street.

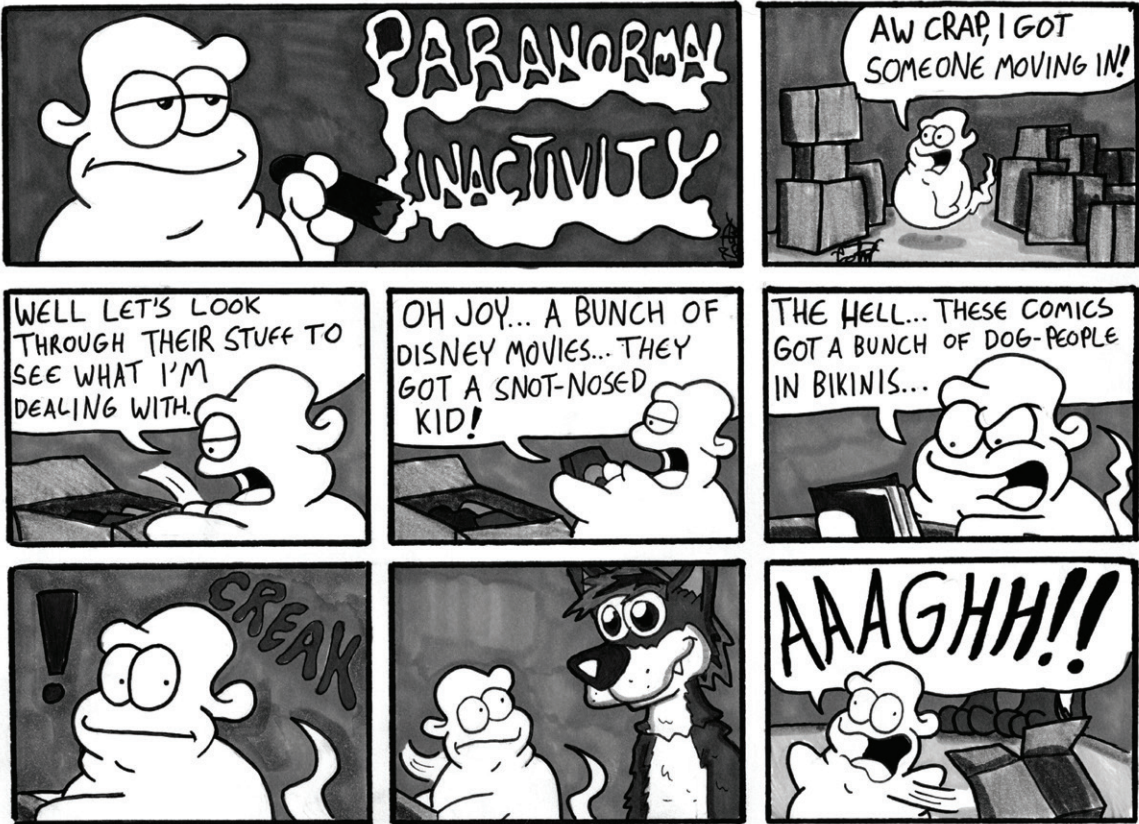
There is an ongoing investigation for peace disturbance at the 600 block of South Dewey Street.

ness Center.

Jan. 9
A summons was issued to Andre Turner, 19, for warrant arrest at College Park Drive.

DIVERSIONS

Paranormal Inactivity



COLIN VAUGHAN | NW MISSOURIAN

PET OF THE WEEK

(Ranger) Ricky Lacina



Age: 6 Months Weight: 10 lbs. and growing! Fluff Factor: 3/10

Likes

- Having Claws
- Cupboard Spelunking
- Conspiracy Theories

Dislikes

- Plastic Bags
- When People Show You Memes You've Already Seen
- Man-Buns

Favorite Quote

"Draw me like one of your French girls."



Ambition

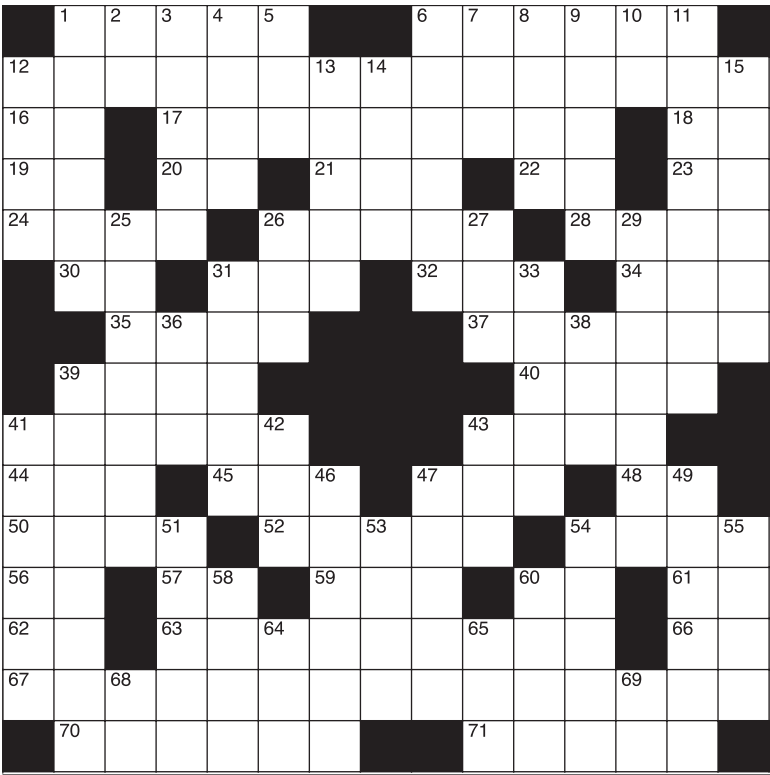
Become the first cat to walk on the moon... or the counter. The counter works too.

CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Put within
- 6. Learned person
- 12. Resistance
- 16. Female title
- 17. Logical basis for a belief
- 18. Of I
- 19. Indicates position
- 20. Article
- 21. Insignificant organizational member
- 22. __ route
- 23. Expression of disapproval
- 24. Microelectromechanical systems
- 26. Ponds
- 28. Satisfy
- 30. Dad
- 31. Spanish soldier "El __"
- 32. Pouch-like structure
- 34. Obscure unit of measurement
- 35. Okinawa prefecture capital
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Jazz singer Irene
- 40. Benefits
- 41. Hellenistic governors
- 43. Brownish-green fruit
- 44. Needed to see
- 45. Political action committee
- 47. Fast plane
- 48. Bahrain dinar
- 50. Urgent request
- 52. Raccoon genus
- 54. Millisecond
- 56. Atlanta rapper
- 57. Rural delivery
- 59. Intrauterine device
- 60. The Wolverine State
- 61. Free agent
- 62. For instance
- 63. Reduces
- 66. Lincoln's state
- 67. Quit
- 70. Midsections



CLUES DOWN

- 1. The arch of the foot
- 2. Canadian peninsula
- 3. Koran chapters
- 4. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 5. Youngster
- 6. Burns
- 7. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 8. Valley
- 9. Belongs to sun god
- 10. Nickel
- 11. Great in salads
- 12. Leader
- 13. Forced through a sieve
- 14. Entryway
- 15. Support pillars
- 25. Aquatic mammal
- 26. __ Farrow, actress
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Holds molecules
- 31. Thrifty
- 33. French dynasty

- 36. Scottish port
- 38. Irish militant organization
- 39. Dawn
- 41. Musical group of seven
- 42. Used to fry things
- 43. Carrot's companion
- 46. Rough stone landmarks
- 47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah
- 49. Goes against
- 51. Passion
- 53. Hard white animal fat
- 54. Soybean pastes
- 55. Beckon
- 58. Mountain and morning are two
- 60. Self-referential
- 64. Data executive
- 65. Retirement plan
- 68. Star Trek character Laren
- 69. You and I

LAST ISSUE'S SOLUTIONS

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FRANK PORTER I

The Bearcat Steppers have qualified for the national competition in Orlando, Florida the past three years. This not only means competing, but spending time at Disney World and Universal Studios too.

Steppers offer national talent

Dancing for an audience, each other and national recognition

MICHEAL CRIFE
A&E Reporter | @MikeCripe

The Northwest Steppers aren't just a group of dancers. They are a family within a family that always manages to prove what it can do, and is ready to prove it again when the steppers leave this week for its third consecutive trip to nationals.

Northwest has been famously wearing the 'title town' badge for a while now, and the past couple of years show Bearcats are deserving of this badge.

With how sports oriented the town is, the Stepper's motivation to entertain and cheer with accuracy is no surprise.

Kierstin Hill, a junior psychology major and third year Stepper, said she is always proud to be a Stepper. Not only because of the team it is now, but because she knows the steppers are part of a larger team as well.

"Northwest is such a family and athletics is such a huge part of that family, that it makes us feel in the middle of that as well," Hill said. "When people find out I'm a Stepper, they almost always tell me they either love watching us dance or that they know someone on the team."

Hill also stated how important it is to remember the Steppers perform, practice, have team workouts, volunteer and train together all while maintaining their statuses as students and role models.

Unfortunately, all of the praise the basketball and football teams gets, though deserved, can sometimes overshadow what other teams are accomplishing.

The Northwest Steppers, now comprised of 18 specially picked members, are one of these groups lying in these shadows, and they are always ready to step forward. Most students are aware the Steppers are performers at games, but little know what it exactly it takes to be a Stepper.

Emily Ivory, a junior dietetics major who is also a third year Stepper, says being a Stepper isn't about just about staying on the sidelines to perform. To Ivory, and the rest of the team, being a Stepper is a full-time commitment.

"It takes a long time just to prepare the sidelines that you see at football games," Ivory said. "In addition to that, we do workouts as a team, volunteer and many other things. We represent teamwork, hard work and a deep level of friendship. Others may think that we are just a group that cheers loud at games, but we are much more than that."

Darbi Fuhrman, coach of the Bearcat Steppers, was on the team for five years in college and is now leading the team for her first year. She says she is not quite sure exactly how many times the Steppers have been to nationals, but she knows they have been competing for at least 15 years.

Even so, Fuhrman believes the Steppers have more to be proud of than just their competitive achievements.

"You should see their faces when little girls come up to them throughout the year and talk about how they love seeing them on the sidelines," Fuhrman said. "Being great role models is something the team makes sure to prioritize."

Now with national competition in Florida on the horizon, the Steppers are tasked with putting their money where their mouth is yet again. However, competing in nationals is one thing, qualifying and getting there is an entirely different beast.

First, Steppers need to prove their worth by attending a summer camp and competing against other teams. This means dances can't just look impressive. It means they need to look almost flawless. In order to maintain dance quality throughout the year, the Steppers need to practice alone and in front of audiences. So while the Steppers perform at games, they always have preparation for nationals in the back of their minds too.

Taking a yearly trip to Florida isn't cheap either, so the Steppers are always looking for ways to fundraise so their yearly end goal can always be met.

"This year we sold t-shirts, trash bags, jewelry, hosted a kiddie clinic, did multiple car washes, volunteered at Pizza Ranch and a couple of other things," Ivory said. "In addition to these, we had to

raise \$9,000 as a team from sponsorships. This year we were very lucky to receive \$2,000 from Student Senate, which has helped a lot. All of this money goes toward competition fees, hotels, transportation, costumes and choreography."

As senior Marissa Jarnagin points out, the Steppers have a final preparation week before nationals finally rolls around called 'work week.'

"We practice for at least six hours a day perfecting our dances and it can be tiring, but all of it pays off in the end," Jarnagin said. "Being a Stepper means to me that I'm able to pursue my dancing career, along with building relationships with some amazing women. It makes me a better person physically, mentally and emotionally."

These are only the physical things the Steppers need to do to prepare for finals. Workouts and fundraising do not include the mental preparation required from the team.

Senior elementary education major Haley Klein, said it can be challenging to keep everyone on the same page, especially when something as stressful as nationals comes around.

"The hardest part is building the cohesive team environment to be the best we can be," Klein said. "Each year is a different team, so it takes a few months to get into that specific team's way of working best together. Since I have been on the team for four years, we always have something different in making the team work well together and support each other."

Klein said these changes and dynamics are never too much for them to handle, and the Stepper's track record is proof of this.

Klein's teammate and Stepper captain, senior Lexi Pardee, says the most rewarding part of being a Stepper is simply being given the opportunity to dance with a group of people who share similar interests. The fact they get to do all of this at a school they love that much more of a bonus.

"To me, being a stepper means representing Northwest," Pardee said. "It means dancing right next to 17 of my best friends and



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Junior Madi Weaver and the rest of the Stepper team had the opportunity to perform when Northwest's football players participated at Arrowhead Stadium.

doing what I love for myself, my school and showing then that to my friends and family."

Whether they are in front of hundreds of people, thousands of people or each other, the Steppers are always giving it everything

they have. Dancing is one thing, but dancing as a cohesive team and doing it well enough to come together for a national competition every year is something certainly worth celebrating.



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The Steppers will perform Saturday at 7:57 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Central Standard Time. If they are able to make it to the final competition, they will be performing again Sunday.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Sophomore technical theatre major Sydney Martin expresses emotion during her audition for “Still Life with Iris” and “Time Stands Still” Tuesday evening.

Theater auditions hit play on busy spring semester

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The Northwest theater department kicked off the spring semester with auditions for four shows this semester. Students filtered through the fine arts building, with shaky hands and steady resolve Jan. 9 and 10 to audition for one or more of the departments performances. This semester the department is putting on four shows; “Footloose: the Musical,” “Still Life with Iris,” “Time Stands Still” and “A Spring Night of One Acts.” “Footloose,” “Still Life with Iris” and “Time Stands Still” had their auditions Jan. 9 and 10. One of the largest productions of the semester is “Footloose: the Musical,” based off the 1984 film starring Kevin Bacon. It tells the story of a big city teen who moves to a small town where dancing is outlawed. “I’m really excited,” sophomore vocal education major Jay-

mie Argotsinger said. “I’m not a theater major, so I only had to pick two minutes of song to sing. I chose “Love Don’t Turn Away.” For theater majors, they needed to pick two monologues for their audition as well as a song. One had to be comedic and the other dramatic to show their versatility. Outside of the “Footloose” auditions, students could pick up different monologues to perform. “Still Life with Iris” is a drama fantasy about a young girl trying to recover her memories and get home from the fictional world Nocturno. “Time Stands Still” is a drama about Sarah and James, a photojournalist and foreign correspondent, trying to find happiness in a less than happy world. Auditions may seem downright scary for those who haven’t auditioned for a Northwest theater production before. Veterans, however, have a few tricks up their sleeves to calm their nerves. “I’ll go into a room by myself, scream and shake my limbs,” theater per-

formance senior Ashton Badenell said. “Even though I’m nervous, I can still remember my monologues.” Badenell practiced for a long time to audition for “Footloose.” “I have always wanted to do a musical,” Badenell said. “I took private voice lessons to get ready.” The audition process is not all in one day. The singing and acting portions for “Footloose” started Jan. 9 while call backs and the dancing portion took place Jan. 10. Students who missed auditions for these three shows can still audition for “A Spring Night of One Acts” Jan. 11. For those who want to participate, but do not consider themselves actors or actresses there is an opportunity to help out as a part of the stage crew. “Footloose” is going to need a lot of help,” said senior Katie Ernst said. No matter the productions each show is bound to stun and kick off people’s Sunday shoes.

Open Mic Night returns for the 2018 year

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For those who have been looking for a great way to entertain others or simply to be entertained, search no further, for the monthly Open Mic Nights are back. Open Mic Night will make its first appearance in the new year Jan. 11 and is hosted by Wellness Services. This event will take place on the second floor of the Student Union in front of the fireplace from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students, staff and faculty members are encouraged to participate by signing up at the event. For future performances, participants can email or call Mike Mattock, a counselor at Wellness Ser-

vices and founder of Open Mic Nights. The range of performances vary from rap, poetry reading and singing to comedy acts, playing instruments and more. For those who would rather listen and enjoy, there will be snacks available. Whether for the food or the live performances, Open Mic Night will attract even those simply passing by. “I was walking past (the Open Mic Night event) and I thought it looked interesting so I sat down,” sophomore Asma Hassan said. Hassan said she loves how unique the event is and enjoys the amount of abstract thinking there is behind each performance. “Expect to be blown away,”

Hassan said. “These (performances) really opened up my mindset and understanding of art.” Mattock said his inspiration to create this event came from his enjoyment of listening to other people’s various art forms. “It is amazing how talented and creative people are all around us,” Mattock said. “Open Mic Night provides a casual, low-key forum in which to enjoy their talent.” Mattock said he quite likes the atmosphere of the event as it can help ease the performer’s nerves even as audience members come and go. Mattock started this event in September and has plans to con-

tinue this monthly event into the spring semester. Open Mic Night is still growing as the amount of participants and audience members increase. “(I do this) first, for the performances,” Mattock said. “Second, I think it is great when a person takes the step to perform for others, especially if it feels scary to them at first. Not only do they give others the chance to hear them, performing for others can also increase a person’s confidence in his or her own artistic abilities.” No matter what ethnicity, background or gender, anybody who has a talent they want to share can now do so in a safe environment. By providing these kinds of

opportunities, people are able to develop their skills further. “I think that each month more students are becoming aware of, and enjoying, the talented performers that show up to sing, play, read and more at the Open Mic Night events,” Mattock said. “It seems, as time goes by, that more people view it as a comfortable place to share their artistic talents with others.” With the amount of creative and talented people on the Northwest campus, there is no wonder events such as Open Mic Night are gradually gaining more attention.

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Wrestling struggles to find way with weight class depth

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The midseason progress report for the Maryville wrestling team is in and the verdict is that the report is missing some key grades.

The Spoofhounds sit with an interesting problem at hand with five open weight classes hindering their success.

With school out, silence fell over the Maryville hallways everywhere except for one place, the wrestling room. Most students were busy with family and friends, while the wrestlers battled to get better before every duel during the break.

Fighting their way to a 4-11 record in duels over the days off, the Spoofhounds record within this time period does not give justice to the talent in the program, but shows depth is a key issue.

“Right now we are missing weight class 106, 113, 145, 152, we have a 160 now, and missing a heavyweight,” coach Kody Koster. “In the last duel, we only lost two matches but ended up losing the duel. If you don’t have a full team, you can’t look at the duel records; you got to look at the individuals.”

To overcome a difference of five weight classes, the Spoofhounds need to win and win by ways of major decisions and pins.

“You have to go out there and go for pins, that’s just about the only way you can make up points,” senior Jacob Search said. “You gotta beat kids big, beat kids that you should beat and be able to perform.”

Coach Koster, just like every wrestling coach, knows that the true test wrestling ability does not



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Jackson Sanders (right) takes an outside step to bring senior Jacob Search (left) to the mat for a takedown at Maryville wrestling practice Jan. 10.

come from duels but from tournaments where they strive. The latest tournament the Spoofhounds participated in was the Mid-Buchanan tournament Jan. 6. During the tournament, they were able to procure one first-place medal, one second-place medal, and three fourth-place medals.

“I was pretty happy with the

guys out there, and how they came out well compared to the last few duels.” Koster said. “This last tournament was really a step forward for them and a good building point for them.”

Even with the strong showing out at the tournament, Koster and the whole team want more from their duels. To do that, they

know it means to recruit around the school as much as possible for potential wrestlers.

“We still are trying to get the word out there, like ‘Hey this is midseason, but it’s not too late to join,’” Koster said. “We got to promote the sport, build team spirit up, keep a positive attitude, and just go out there and have fun.”

Koster is not the only one doing the recruiting as all of the team wants to continue to grow and become better as a whole.

“We would love to see more people out here even if its just to get your hand raised sometimes,” Search said. “It’s just tough because we aren’t really a wrestling school.”



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Missouri Southern beat the Bearcats in Joplin for the second straight year Jan. 4

GORDON CONTINUED FROM A12

Last year, Ottawa finished 17-4-1 with a 10-1-0 KCAC record. Under Gordon’s direction, his team qualified for six NAIA National Tournaments and made back-to-back appearances at the NAIA Women’s Soccer National Tournament Final Site.

With an impressive resume at the NAIA level, Gordon explained what attracted him to the coaching vacancy here.

“It was fairly close to where we were at,” Gordon said. “Obviously the athletic program of Northwest has been very good. I

feel like there are some things to learn from some coaches and some opportunities. They obviously like to win up here, and I like to win, so hopefully I can learn some things and also bring some things that I have managed to do.”

Gordon was a coach with the Pride Soccer Club in Colorado Springs, Colorado before going to Ottawa. From 2003-2010 Gordon worked with youth programs from ages 8-18.

“I want to find out who my leadership is and identify that,” Gordon said. “I want to challenge them, I want to know how far I can push them and see how quickly they want to get the results that I want.”

Holtman led the team with four goals on the year. The sophomore forward was an MIAA honorable mention, MIAA scholar athlete and appeared in all 17 matches. Holtman explained how Gordon can help the current situation on the pitch.

“I believe that quality is what makes us excited to get back into the swing of things and see where our spring season takes us,” Holtman said. “I think he’ll help bring fresh ideas to our program all the while strengthening the skills we already have as a team. He has mentioned wanting to build our culture and bring us together as a team which will help with chemistry on the field.”

Track readies for first meet of 2018

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Northwest track and field returns from winter break with a familiar trip to Lincoln, Nebraska for the Graduate Classic Jan. 12 and 13.

For the past nine seasons, the Bearcats have traveled to University of Nebraska’s Devaney Center, providing a difficult test following break. With a variety of NCAA Division I and Division II athletes, the chance to show the results of winter training is there.

Assistant coach Emily Peterson said this meet really kicks off the start of the indoor season.

“We kind of look at it for track that our preseason heads up un-

til this weekend,” Peterson said. “That meet in December is nice to get a jersey on and compete against other people other than themselves, but we’re training through that meet.”

For the upperclassmen, the experience of competing and running against top-level athletes is nothing new, but for the underclassmen, the opportunity is a learning experience.

“I love watching those top athletes at those bigger meets. It gives me something to look up to. I usually watch their technic and try to do as they do to run a faster time,” sophomore Hiba Mahgoub said. “I know that everyone has different things that work for them. It’s nice to see how each person competes

and what works for them.”

A few of these underclassmen have caught the attention of Peterson and head coach Scott Lorek.

“We have a couple freshman who I think are going to be tremendous for us this year,” Peterson said. “Maja Ganter was a huge part of our 4x400, and I think she is going to be pretty good for our women’s team.”

Mahgoub adds to the list of underclassmen contributing for the Bearcats early on. She was a stand out performer for the Bearcats in her freshman season helping the 4x400 meter relay team meet a provisional mark at 3:47.87.

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Behind the scenes

Northwest Athletics interns build up family atmosphere

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Before the lights shine down on the fields and courts, the crowds showcase their school spirit and the final whistles blow, the interns call behind the scenes their home.

A history of athletic excellence is one of the long standing traditions within Northwest’s campus, but to make these traditions continue, it takes blood, sweat and athletic interns.

Behind every single great team there is a great athletic department. These departments are in charge of everything from making sure the game runs smoothly to community relations. Every top athletic department has one thing in common and that’s having interns to be the backbone.

Every athletic event whether it be football, basketball, or any other sport is made possible by these interns.

“For basketball, we get there about two hours early before the

game,” assistant athletic director MacKenzie Magwire said. “So it’s normally a six to seven hour day.”

For the average Northwest student, gamedays usually go something like this: wake up, tailgate, and head to the game. But for these select few, it’s wake up and work till the day is over.

“Our average game day starts off with setting up, this includes setting up music, promotional media ads, and preparing promotional games,” junior Katie Sears said. “Then once the game starts we’re more behind the scenes, we do some of the tech stuff throughout the games, after we break down everything.”

Though their jobs fade into the shadows during the games, they still hold importance for the flow of the game. Making sure music, video projections, and giveaways run smoothly hold a key role in interaction between the athletic department and the Bearcat fans.

“My favorite time during the internship is being able to go behind the scenes and gain a better understanding of the marketing and promotional sides of sport-

ing events,” junior Jack Camenzind said. “I have loved sports my whole life, and it has been a great experience.”

The single most important ideology at Northwest is family and the internship truly embodies the concept. Whether it’s the students or the Maryville faithful in the crowd, a sense of togetherness is always found at Bearcat Arena.

“This internship has been able to only further my appreciation for the Northwest family.”
-junior Jack Camenzind

Community relations is a top priority for the interns as they market throughout the Maryville area to bring everyone together including a large amount of grassroots

marketing done throughout the Maryville area.

“This internship has been able to only further my appreciation for the Northwest family,” Camenzind said. “This internship has shown me just how special the Northwest community is and how passionate Bearcat fans are for their team.”

Whether they are behind the scenes or out in the communi-

chance to be part of it is a fantasy become reality.

“I have a strong passion for sports, so I wanted to pursue a career in it. I think experience is vital for a career in sports,” Sears said. “I have learned so many different skills from the internships I’ve had, and I plan to use them in the future.”

Cat Jam is a product of these intern’s hard work and dedication to not only the fans, but the childhood atmosphere of going to a basketball game. From the posters that will be created to the music, the interns gave everything they had to give the Bearcat fans something a little bit more special for this game day experience.

The posters feature men’s basketball senior Xavier Kurth and women’s basketball senior Tanya Meyer in Space Jam theme.

“For Cat Jam, we are preparing a throwback: playlists, games, t-shirts, and more,” Sears said. “We’re trying to really get into this theme, because it can definitely draw a crowd.”

Spoofhounds face midseason hurdles

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Maryville boys basketball was dealt some losses by two of the better teams in Class 4 Missouri basketball.

The Spoofhounds lost to Lafayette 65-43 at home Jan. 2 by giving up a late run in third quarter have they pulled to within 37-34. Coach Matt Stoecklein said he was disappointed with the effort his team showed in the final quarter of the game.

“I think we just gave up and we had no fight left in us,” Stoecklein said. “Which was very sad-denning to see a team as good as we could be to do that.”

Maryville (9-3, MEC 2-1) responded with a better performance at the first ever Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Basketball Classic at Benton high school against Kansas City Center. The Spoofhounds led most of game before falling behind at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Sophomore Tate Oglesby had one final shot at the buzzer to tie the game but it fell short and Maryville lost 57-54.

Coach Stoecklein said his team’s effort was an improvement on their previous double-digit defeat from the Fighting Irish (10-4).

“After our performance Tuesday, the biggest thing wasn’t so much X’s and O’s,” Stoecklein said. “It was ‘How will you respond if things don’t go your way?’ Now things went our way early, but then they took the lead, but I still thought we fought back.”

Despite missing the last shot, Oglesby led both teams in scoring with 24 points in the game in his second game back from injury. Stoecklein said he was encouraged by Oglesby’s effort.

“I didn’t see too many moments of any pain and it’s nice to have him because he is just a steady person who is going to get

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you points,” Stoecklein said. “He has effort, energy and defense as well. He is the total package.”

Maryville had a hard time finding scoring from other parts of the team. Senior Jalen Sandell was second on the team with 15 points, but no other player amassed over ten points. Stoecklein said his team’s offense kind of lost track late in the game when his team got behind.

“One of the biggest things was when they got ahead of us, our offense kind of panicked in the last six minutes,” Stoecklein said. “We started to take some not-so-great shots, and we didn’t need to do that because we were only down three points.”

The Spoofhounds are still going through some minor chemistry issues with their complete team only playing two full games so far.

“I still don’t know if many of us are quite in shape because they had to take so much time off,” Stoecklein said. “As we go into next week and the rest of the season, I think you will see a big difference in the offense with how people know each other.”

Maryville bounced back Jan. 9 when they beat Chillicothe on road 53-44. Junior Eli Dowis led the team in points with 16 and Oglesby was second with 14. The Spoofhounds will next play Falls City at home Jan. 12.

Oglesby said the team looks for these tough losses to pay dividends later on in the season.

“We think this is going to be our turning point in the season because now we know how to handle pressure on defense,” Oglesby said. “Later in the season, hopefully we’ll have our chemistry, and we’ll do what we can do.”



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Junior Eli Dowis led the Maryville boys with 16 points in a 53-44 win over Chillicothe Jan. 9. He missed the first seven games.

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Senior Maddie Holtman passes around the perimeter in the Spoofhound's 48-46 win against East Buchanan Tuesday night at Maryville High School.

Girls basketball rallies from 16-point deficit

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Maryville girls basketball has made some midseason noise in recent weeks.



After their first conference loss to Lafayette Jan. 5, the Spoofhounds (5-7, 1-1 MEC) took to the court Jan. 9 to take on a familiar foe in East Buchanan. The Bulldogs came out hot leading Maryville 30-14 at the end of the first half. Albrecht said that the speech at the break was simple.

"The message going into half-time was it's not how you start, it's how you finish," Albrecht said. "Coach Elms did a terrific job, they came out in a triangle and two and it really shook us. It affected our transition game, it affected us on the defensive end and they scored 30 points in the first half. That's a lot of points."

Jessica Sheil played a major role for the Spoofhounds on the defensive end. The senior guard explained how the team's mindset changed at half.

"It was a good game, we fought hard," Sheil said. "After half, we finally got out there and got into our heads that we need to win this."

Thanks to a 19-point perfor-

mance from Sundell and 10 from freshman Emily Cassavaugh, Maryville was able to complete the 16-point comeback, winning 48-46. Albrecht explained that Cassavaugh has progressively gotten better as the season has gone on.

"Emily's play has gotten better and better all year long," Albrecht said. "She's not feeling very good right now, she's got a cold and she's all stuffed up and her energy level wasn't real high but she really picked it up after half."

Freshman Morgan Stoecklein stepped up for the Spoofhounds scoring nine points in filling in for injured Emma Baldwin.

"Morgan did a great job filling that spot and picking up the slack," Albrecht said. "Jessica (Sheil) in the third quarter was a beast. Her energy turned the tide of the game for us."

In the closing moments of the game, Maryville put three freshmen on the floor to close out the game. Sheil fouled out in the waning moments of the game forcing the young lineup.

"We've came pretty far and we're finally becoming like a family," Sheil said. "We're finally being cohesive."

The Spoofhounds ended 2017 with a second-place finish in the

LeBlond Holiday Tournament. While still on holiday break, Maryville kicked off the new year with a program-building win over long-time rival Savannah. They add Savannah to a list of already impressive wins with Bishop LeBlond and Chillicothe.

Junior Emma Baldwin and freshman Serena Sundell were named to the All-Holiday Tournament team. Sundell tallied 56 points total in the three tournament games. Coach Quentin Albrecht explained that the team chemistry is starting to grow.

"We are bringing girls in from St. Gregory to play on the varsity, we brought girls up to the middle school to play varsity and we brought some girls up to play on varsity, and we have a few returners on the varsity," Albrecht said. "I think it took a little bit of time for those girls to kinda learn each other and learn how to play with each other. I think that's what we're getting right now."

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Northwest searching for first conference win

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With just one win on the books heading into winter break, Northwest women's basketball wanted a fresh start.



While the Bearcats (1-13, 0-6 MIAA) dropped their first two games back from break, coach Buck Scheel feels the team is making adjustments to head in the right direction.

At the same time, things are not going to get easier for Northwest as MIAA play gets into full swing.

"Until you can play with an edge day in day out, night in night out, it's not going to get any better," Scheel said. "We push them for that every day. Until that happens, this could be the road that we're on."

The Bearcats have worked to leave the overall outcome of each of its games in the past, and instead pay attention to the areas of things to work on.

Northwest has shown its youthful light several times this year through big leads. The most recent came as the Bearcats built up a 19-12 lead over Pittsburg State (11-4, 4-2 MIAA) in the first

quarter.

By the time the second rolled around, the Gorillas began to take matters into their own hands eventually crushing the Bearcats 78-53.

"As we got into that second quarter, we kind of just relaxed," Scheel said. "They felt good about being in a game for one quarter."

Senior Tanya Meyer lead Northwest in the game with 15 points. The forward scored 10 in the first half.

Meyer leads the Bearcats with 204 points and 127 rebounds this season. As the only returning senior to the team, she is working to keep

a positive mentality with the team.

"We're just going one game at a time and being as prepared as we can be for success for that game," Meyer said.

Junior guard Mallory McAndrews is also beginning to show leadership on the court.

Known for her three-point specialty, the upperclassman has begun to shown initiative through every aspect of the game.


This is a role the team has been searching for since early in the season. Scheel added the voice has fit right in with the younger faces of the team.

"She's stepped up and become more of a voice within practices and in the locker room. Up until this year, we didn't know she had as voice She's a really calm quiet kid when she's out there on the floor," Scheel said.

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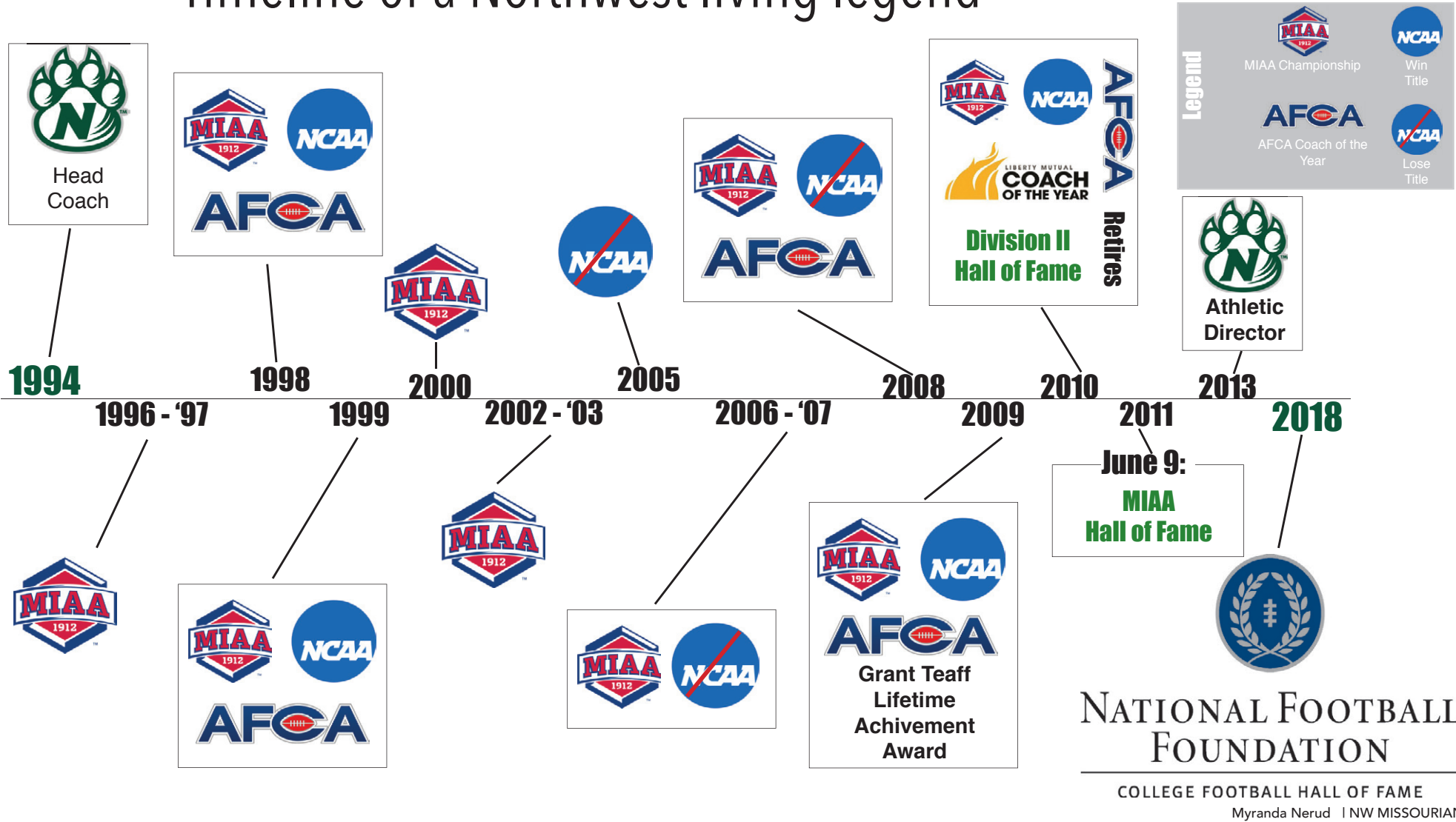
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Tjeerdsma enshrined to Hall of Fame

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A Northwest legend has added another diamond to his crest of accomplishments.

The National Football Foundation (NFF) selected director of athletics Mel Tjeerdsma for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. The former football coach is the first Bearcat to receive such honor.

“Being part of the 2018 class of the NFF College Football Hall of Fame is almost beyond my imagination,” Tjeerdsma said per a press release. “This honor is really made possible through the cumulative efforts of so many coaches and student athletes that have been a part of my career as well as the love and support of my family. I’m looking forward to this year and all of the events that go along with the award.”

Tjeerdsma began coaching at Northwest in 1994. He proceeded to lead the Bearcats to three NCAA Division II National Championships (1998, 1999, 2009) and 12 MIAA conference titles.

He coached at Austin College for 10 years prior to his arrival to Northwest.

Tjeerdsma retired from coaching in 2010 following with 247 victories (183 Northwest, 64 Austin). He returned to Northwest as director of athletics in 2013.

He is a four-time American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year honoree and was named MIAA Coach of the Year 12 times.

“(I’m) so proud of Coach T and thankful for his family’s support,” president John Jasinski said in a tweet. “What an honor for coach T along with @NWMOSTATE, @bearcatsports, @nwbearcatsFB and all those that have had a pleasure being part of Mel’s legacy.”

In 2009, Tjeerdsma was awarded the FCA Grant Teaff Lifetime Achievement Award and was named as the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year.

Tjeerdsma has been inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame and the Northwest Missouri State M-Club Hall of Fame.

He has guided seven academic All-Americans in the last seven years as coach. He also coached two Ken B. Jones Award winners and one National Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



DARREN WHITLEY | NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
Former head coach Mel Tjeerdsma was recently selected into the College Football Hall of Fame. Tjeerdsma collected three Division II national titles during his coaching tenure.

In 2011, Tjeerdsma coached Team USA to a world championship at the International Federation of American Football World Cup in Austria.

Since becoming director of athletics, Tjeerdsma has overseen three more NCAA Division II football national championships (2013, 2015, 2016) and one NCAA Division II men’s basketball national championship (2017).

Bearcats optimistic after puzzling loss to Southern



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Freshman Ryan Hawkins attempts to get around Northern State junior Bo Fries.

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Last week, Northwest basketball took its No. 1 ranking into Joplin and left with its second loss (to the same team)

Without giving excuses, coach Ben McCollum gave a clear and understandable reason as to why Northwest struggled to its first loss of the season.

“We didn’t play that bad,” Mc-

Collum said. “One to 10 scale, we were probably about a six or seven, and Southern played at a 10 though. If you’re not at a nine or 10 consistently, a couple offensive rebounds or you forget to box out where you generally would, that’s going to break you and that’s what happened.”

While the loss may have been tough to swallow in the moment, Missouri Southern has had the Bearcats number for years.

Since 2009, the Bearcats are 2-8 when on the road against Missouri Southern.

McCollum said he was “shocked” at the enthusiasm of when the No. 1 team goes down.

“I think it sends a message to our guys so that they don’t feel that way again,” McCollum said. “Everyone is essentially cheering against you that’s not part of Northwest Missouri State. It’s us against them.”

The Bearcats got out-rebounded on the offensive glass 11-5 as well as committing three more turnovers than the Lions (9-6).

Though Northwest lost, senior Justin Pitts broke another school record, converting his 794th field goal, giving him the most field-goal makes in Bearcat history.

Two days later the No. 4 Bearcats (13-1) responded with a resilient 26-point win over Pittsburg State.

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Gordon announced as new soccer coach



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After a nationwide search, Northwest soccer filled its coaching vacancy shortly before winter break began.

Director of Athletics Mel Tjeerdsma named Marc Gordon the next coach for the Bearcats Dec. 14.

“We are pleased to announce the hiring of Marc Gordon as our women’s soccer coach,” Tjeerdsma said per press release. “Marc’s previous teams have a proven record of success on the pitch and in the classroom. It will be exciting to watch our team develop under Marc’s direction. I want

to thank our search committee led by Lori Hopkins. They did a thorough review of an outstanding pool of candidates which led to the selection of Marc as the right choice to lead our program.”

Gordon was the director of soccer and head women’s coach at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, since 2010. During his time with the Braves, Gordon led his team to three Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) regular season titles and four conference tournament titles.

Sophomore Mollie Holtman said Gordon showed promise when the team met with him on Monday.

“He was the first candidate we met with and he seemed to take a real interest in our team and wanted to make us a team that achieves beyond what we have in the past,” Holtman said. “I have now formally talked with him and he already has asked so many questions for what we want out of him as a coach and what has worked or not worked in the past.”

While at Ottawa, Gordon compiled a 113-38-15 overall. He led the team to a 65-7-5 record in the KCAC. Gordon earned KCAC Coach of the Year three times along with Regional Coach of the Year in 2016.

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